

Third Sector Fund 2025/26

Annual Report

**Summary of Awards
April 2025 – March 2026**



Stepping Stones Creative's *Expression Through Gestures* dance and movement project, which was funded through the Health and Wellbeing Fund and delivered in partnership with the University of Salford

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1) Introduction

Salford's Locality Plan for health and care remains at the heart of the Third Sector Fund, with grants designed to improve the health and wellbeing of Salford's residents by utilising the strength of the city's vibrant VCSE sector.

Salford CVS have continued to ensure that the Third Sector Fund remained firmly focused on its core purpose: **delivering positive health and wellbeing outcomes**, and supporting local people to **start well, live well and age well**. This focus is reflected in the structure of the fund, which has been divided into distinct grant programmes, such as the Impact Fund, which awards grants for projects addressing the wider determinants of health.

This year marked the second year of the Health and Wellbeing Fund, which has quickly become a cornerstone of the grants programme. The fund has supported a diverse range of projects, communities, groups and organisations, from grassroots initiatives to those within the VCSE sector's 'squeezed middle' (small to medium-sized organisations).

As in previous years, demand for food support across the city remains high, with £65,000 allocated to support refugees, asylum seekers and others with no recourse to public funds. Social prescribing infrastructure also received a welcome boost, with £100,000 in grants awarded to support new and existing social prescribing destinations across the city in receiving referrals.

Overall, the Third Sector Fund enabled Salford CVS to make **121 awards in 2025/26**, supporting community-led responses to health challenges. Grant recipients also benefited from **wraparound support** from our Development, Finance, Administration and Senior Leadership teams, tailored to their individual needs and circumstances.

Ella Bulbeck

Grants Manager, Salford CVS
May 2026

2) Annual Review

Narrative reporting and feedback received

Salford's VCSE sector comprises **1,665*** voluntary organisations, community groups, charities, the community work of faith organisations, and social enterprises - working all across the city (communities of hyper-local geography, identity and experience) for the benefit of local people. With **over 1,000 VCSE members**, Salford CVS has significant reach into those communities most in need.

Whether directly responding to Salford's health and wellbeing priorities, or addressing the wider determinants of health, the **121 awards** made possible by the Third Sector Fund in 2025/26 have helped **enhance the lives of thousands of residents**.



*Salford's [State of the Sector](#) research report, 2021 – updated version coming September 2026

The following pages provide a snapshot in words, quotes and pictures of the activity enabled by the Third Sector Fund.

Third Sector Fund, 2025/26

Twelve months of Grants and Investments



c.£750k

of grants & investments



121

Awards made



13

New organisations funded

Impact Fund: Addressing the wider determinants of health

Awarded in 2025/26; evaluation due in 2026/27

In March 2026, the **Impact Fund** awarded grants of up to £30,000 to well-established VCSE organisations to deliver **evidence-driven projects** of up to 12 months in duration, aimed at tackling **health inequalities** in Salford by addressing the **wider determinants of health**.

Eleven awards were made, totalling **£309,656.71**, with projects scheduled to run from April 2026 to March 2027. All funded projects align with at least one of the following **priority areas** (wider determinants of health), which are aligned with local and regional strategies and plans: poverty and inequality; creating vibrant places and spaces; tackling the climate emergency; skills and education; housing and homelessness; and transport and digital connectivity.

Funded activities include a holistic support programme for refugees and asylum seekers; a financial and employability skills training programme for young people aged 18-24 not in education, employment or training (NEET); and a research project aimed at breaking down barriers to the health system for ethnically diverse disabled people.

With support from a Grants Development Worker, projects are using **evaluation frameworks and tools** to ensure health and wellbeing **impacts are being measured**, and to **capture learning** about their chosen approaches.



"This grant will enable us to continue providing vital, holistic support to more Siblings (LGBTQIA+ refugees and people seeking asylum) than ever before, addressing the wider determinants of health inequality. It ensures we can sustain dedicated staffing and remain a Living Wage Employer, delivering our work in a fair and sustainable way. The difference it will make is life changing."

– **African Rainbow Family**



"Receiving this grant funding will enable us to expand our Stork Boost project in the Salford area. We are already established within the city and provide invaluable support through our Stork Support project to clients who are experiencing poverty and challenging issues. Stork Boost will provide wraparound support and help families to make positive changes and alleviate poverty through paid employment and developing their employability skills."

– **Visit From the Stork**

Reporting back: Health and Wellbeing Fund 2024/25

In 2024/25 the **Health and Wellbeing Fund** was launched to support a range of activities that are run by or designed in conversation with people and communities in Salford. The creation of the fund responds to the VSCE sector's need for funding to be flexible enough to fund a range of diverse, community-led projects. By providing **three rounds each year**, VSCE organisations are able to apply when the funding will have the most impact for their community.

To be eligible for funding, all projects must address one (or more) of the four priorities in the Salford Locality Plan for health and care (see below). A total of **104 applications** were received, equating to **£330,000**. Over three rounds, **49 grants** were awarded, totalling **£163,500**. Just over half (52%) of grants were for **new or expanded projects**, while 48% were to support existing work.

Key outputs

- **£163k** awarded
- **49** grants awarded
- **2,074** sessions delivered
- **7,267** people benefitted



Examples of funded activities

Start Well

- Rugby based sessions for young people at risk of becoming involved in crime in Ordsall and Langworthy
- Breast-feeding support for parents including information, advice and guidance and peer support

Live Well

- Creative health project with a trained arts facilitator, working with the members of two men's peer support groups
- Mindfulness and yoga sessions for women living in a residential recovery centre for alcohol and substance misuse problems

Age Well

- 'Healthy Hearts' chair-based exercise and health checks for people with experience of heart problems
- Holistic healthy eating and physical activity project for people aged 60+ from Francophone backgrounds

Strong and Resilient Communities

- Community fun days to bring local people together and improve social cohesion in Broughton and surrounding areas

Case study: Salford Heart Care

Fund: Health and Wellbeing Fund (Round 3)

Project: Healthy Hearts Clubs

Grant: £1,500

Awarded: February 2025



Salford Heart Care deliver **Healthy Hearts clubs** across Salford, which aim to improve heart health of older people whilst reducing social isolation.

With this grant, they delivered **192 sessions** from February 2025 to March 2026, offering a range of activities to promote the health and wellbeing of older people, including gentle chair-based exercise and chair yoga, dancing, relaxation and breathing exercises, blood pressure and pulse testing, weight management support, and healthy living advice.

In total, Salford Heart Care have **supported 370 people** to have a range of outcomes such as improved balance and coordination and a reduction in joint pain. They have also provided weight management support and blood pressure testing to support members to track and manage their own health.

Participant story: Linda's journey to recovery and connection

Linda, aged 80, joined Salford Heart Care's club in Irlam two years ago after the sudden passing of her husband. Having spent her life as a housewife with few close friends, Linda felt deeply lonely and lost. A recommendation from staff at Co-op Funeral Care led her to attend our Bereavement Support Group.

Through regular participation, Linda developed greater confidence and built new friendships within the group. Her peers encouraged her to join the Irlam & Cadishead Healthy Heart Club, where she now attends twice a week. Linda has embraced all aspects of the club - joining in gentle exercise, day trips, group lunches, and social activities.

Recently, Linda underwent knee surgery and returned to the club within two weeks. Her doctors credit her speedy recovery to the chair-based exercise and yoga sessions that kept her mobile and prepared her body for rehabilitation. Linda now meets up with friends outside the club and has begun attending other local community groups.

Though she continues to grieve for her husband, Linda says Salford Heart Care has been a lifeline - giving her purpose, companionship, and a reason to carry on. Her daughter has expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support shown to her mum, noting how reassured she feels knowing Linda is cared for and connected.

Project updates: Health and Wellbeing Fund 2025/26

Case study: Mandem Meetup

Mandem Meetup were awarded £4,884 to deliver a peer-led talking circle which provides men with a safe place to talk without judgement. At each session, the facilitator outlines the ground rules and offers 5 reflective prompts to encourage attendees to think about different aspects of their life. In turn, each man is given the opportunity to share.

Since December 2025, **37 men** have attended Eccles Talking Circle. They have noted seeing more young men (25-34) attend and increased frequency of attendance in this age group.



"One attendee was struggling with a bereavement when I first met him. Obviously, it's a pain that does not disappear, but they have said that coming to the Eccles Talking Circle has taught them how to open up more and express their feelings, which they had previously not done."

– **Kane Richards, Lead Facilitator**

Case study: Young Life Vision

Young Life Vision received a grant of £1.5k to deliver **nine workshops** for young people in Broughton. They have delivered 2 workshops so far.

The first workshop took place in February focusing on confidence building. During this session, participants explored what confidence means, how to build it, and the challenges they face in school. Many of the young people openly shared experiences such as bullying, difficulty speaking in groups, and feeling intimidated in class. They also discussed common barriers such as language and cultural differences, encouraging them to recognise their strengths and support one another.

The second workshop focused on money management and was attended by **29 children**. Through interactive activities, including a SpongeBob-themed business planning exercise using fake money, participants learned about saving, budgeting, and making good financial decisions.



Participant (Money & Saving Workshop):

"I learned how to save my money and think before I spend it."

Participant (Confidence Workshop):

"I learned that even if I feel nervous, I can still be confident and try my best."

A boost for social prescribing infrastructure in Salford

In October 2025, **13 grants** totalling **£309,656.71** were made to groups and organisations to enable them to access social prescribing referrals from Community Connectors on the Wellbeing Matters programme. Existing social prescribing destinations were funded to increase their capacity for new referrals, as well as new settings wishing to start accepting referrals.

The Wellbeing Matters' Community Asset Fund particularly welcomed proposals that would help address gaps in provision within the Wellbeing Matters programme. The number of grants that were awarded per fund priority were as follows:

Face-to-face befriending	6
Nutrition advice and support	3
Physical activities with a social focus (for younger adults)	6
Activities for refugee and asylum seekers	5

All projects are being delivered with support from a Wellbeing Matters Development Worker at Salford CVS. This focuses on advice and support around quality assurance as well as wider support including capacity building and identifying further funding.

As of March 2026, 426 residents have taken part in funded activities, 219 of which were referred by Community Connectors.

End of project reporting is due to be submitted to Salford CVS in November 2026.

Examples of promotional materials

Helping school children Start Well

In July 2025, **14 grants** totalling **£ 98,661.60** were awarded through the **Healthy Schools Partnership Fund**, to partnerships involving at least one Salford primary school and at least one VCSE organisation. The partnerships will work together to deliver activities that improve the health and wellbeing of primary school children over the academic year.



(Above: 6 of the 22 primary schools benefitting from a Healthy Schools grant in 2025/26)

Projects funded through the Healthy Schools Partnership Fund 2024/25 had a clear and positive impact on children, families and wider communities. Feedback in reports included:

"The sessions have been particularly useful for a number of our SEND children, especially those going through the process of an ASD/ADHD diagnosis. These children in particular struggle to sit still in class and remain focused on the tasks presented. Allowing them the opportunity to engage in outdoor activities has greatly and positively improved their emotional wellbeing. It has created a space to 'let off steam' and 'be themselves' creating happier children who want to be in school."

– Teacher, CommUNITY Little Hulton project

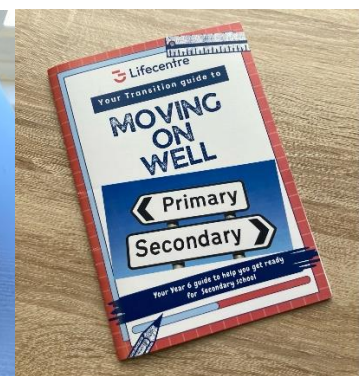
"Just wanted to send you a quick email to give some feedback regarding the listen and talk sessions. Child A has come both Mondays in wonderful mood. After the first workshop she said it was "amazing" and the best thing she's ever done in school. She's really enjoying being part of it. I think the group has helped with her friendships in school and she did say that it helped her to feel more understood and to understand others more. So, thank you for letting her be involved."

– Parent, Talk Listen Change project

"We really appreciate the time and effort made to help our year 6s and their families. The parent session was particularly effective as many of our parents can get very anxious."

– Lifecentre Salford project

Lifecentre Salford's 2024/25 'Moving on Well' transition project



Case study: TLC: Talk, Listen, Change

Fund: Healthy Schools Partnership Fund

Project: Healthy Child, Healthy Parent, Healthy School Relationships

Grant: £10,000

Awarded: July 2024



Grant funding enabled TLC to deliver a targeted, whole family mental health and wellbeing programme across three Salford primary schools: St Johns C of E Primary school, Westwood Park Primary school, and Peel Hall Primary School. The project supported children, parents, and staff through a combination of therapeutic and educational interventions.

Intervention: 121 Wellbeing Sessions for Children and Young People

The grant funded one to one, person centred and CBT informed wellbeing sessions for 11 children, delivered over 8 weeks. Sessions focused on topics including emotional regulation, anxiety, relationships, self-esteem, and trauma. Outcomes included:

- 100% of children improved their overall wellbeing scores
- 100% achieved their personal goals
- Children developed practical coping strategies to manage anxiety, anger, and worry
- Increased emotional awareness and ability to express feelings
- In some cases, support led to further intervention, including CAMHS referral and EHCP assessment

Intervention: Whole Class Workshops

Workshops were delivered to all 12 classes (Years 1–6) in one school, reaching a large cohort of pupils. Sessions introduced a simple 3 step emotional regulation model and techniques such as breathing exercises. Outcomes included:

- 92% of pupils showed improved understanding of emotions and coping strategies
- Increased emotional literacy and self-regulation skills
- Reduced stigma and more open discussion of feelings
- Pupils reported using techniques such as "bubble breathing" to manage emotions

Several other interventions were also delivered including staff training, small group pupil workshops, and parent workshops, and Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG).

"I learnt you don't always have to be angry. I love bubble breathing!" – **Student**

"Such a lovely session - the children really enjoyed it and got a lot of valuable information and life lessons from it. I think the techniques mentioned will help the children manage their feelings better." – **Teacher**

"When I first was offered parent coaching through the school, I wasn't sure what it would entail. I was nervous that I would be judged, and that Ashley would tell me what I was doing wrong as a parent. But it wasn't at all like that. I've felt that Ashley has truly supported me throughout, providing me with information and guidance on how to support my child. She supported me with a CAMHS referral, and when I was concerned about my child's additional needs provided information on SIASS. My son also worked with Megan and Ashley would incorporate some of the work Megan had completed into our sessions, so I knew how to support him using these new tools." – **Parent**

Supporting communities to remain Strong and Resilient in the wake of violence and division

Community Cohesion Fund

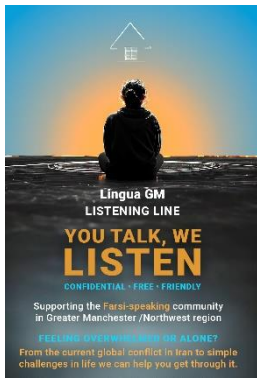
Eleven investments totalling **£44,305.96** were awarded for activities aimed at strengthening community cohesion in the wake of the Crumpsall **synagogue attack** in October 2025.

"This award from Salford CVS is a vital investment in the safety and belonging of our Roma and CEE neighbours in Kersal and Broughton Park. By funding our 'Shared Tables' project, we can move beyond language barriers to build genuine trust, providing a safe space for isolated residents to access essential rights and immigration advice while sharing a meal with their local community. It's about more than just food; it's about strengthening the social fabric of Salford, so everyone feels they truly belong." – **Europia**

All funded projects will include at least one community event in June 2026, as part of The Great Get Together campaign.

Examples of promotional materials





Iranian Response Fund

Three investments totalling **£15k** were awarded to organisations working with the Iranian community in Salford. Grants were to support community wellbeing and resilience in response to recent events in the Middle East. Funded activities included a creative and peer support project, a free telephone support service, and a community support programme, including group therapy sessions delivered in both Farsi and English.



“The project aims to support Iranian individuals suffering from trauma, grief, fear and stress... Planned activities include shared cooking sessions, city tours, group writing workshops, family picnics in the Salford area, massage therapy and group counselling. These will take place at Beech Court in Salford and a local community kitchen, offering a welcoming space for connection, expression and mutual support. The initiative will involve Iranian participants, caring volunteers and trained facilitators to help build community, comfort and resilience.” – **Community Doosti**

Feeding Salford - Food Response Fund Investments

In 2025/26, Salford CVS made **13 grants totalling £65,000** to frontline VCSE sector organisations to support vital work feeding people with no recourse to public funds, refugees and asylum seekers. This could be spent on food and supplies for beneficiaries of their food club/bank or organisation.

“The food response grant will make a massive difference to the families in our refuge accommodation. The funding will help to provide food, toiletries, warm clothing, blankets and necessities over the winter period, and with the cost-of-living crisis having such a massive impact on the many people in our service, this will come as a great relief. It is the generosity of our supporters that helps us to help the families staying in our refuges.” – **Salford Women’s Aid**

“This funding will support Mustard Tree to enable access to vital food provision for our Salford community, through our Food Club. Especially during the colder months, it is essential that we can continue to provide nutritious food items for those in need. Thank you!” – **Mustard Tree**



Left to Right: Salford Loaves and Fishes, Mustard Tree, Wood Street Mission

3) Financial Overview

INCOME

Income Source	Description	Amount	Notes
NHS GM (Salford)	Third Sector Fund award for 2025/26	£1,000,000	Spent as per agreed plan
TOTALS:		£1,000,000	

EXPENDITURE PLAN

Fund Element	TSF Allocation
Direct grants / investments	£750,000
Grants Development Workers (1.6 FTE)	£96,300
Grants Strategy / Policy Lead (0.8 FTE)	£53,700
10% Management Fee (grants design, admin, management, finance, contracting, comms)	£100,000
TOTALS:	£1,000,000

Third Sector Fund – Position at 31.03.26

Fund Element	Allocated	Committed	Defrayed	Balance	Notes
Impact Fund - Health Inequalities / Wider Determinants of Health	300,000.00	£309,656.71		-£9,656.71	Round complete
Health and Wellbeing Fund	150,000.00	£150,000.00		0	All 3 rounds are complete; in total, £163,500 was awarded, topped up with £13.5k from the Eric Wright Charitable Trust
Healthy Schools Partnership Challenge	100,000.00	£98,661.60		£1,338.40	Round complete
Wellbeing Matters Community Assets Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00		0	Rounds complete
Food Response & Security Fund	50,000.00	65,000.00		-£15,000.00	Round complete
Responsiveness Fund	50,000.00	£62,078.95		-£22,078.95	Awards made as urgent needs identified – as agreed with NHS colleagues
Brought forward 2024/25	£70,589.59	£35,397.26		£35,192.33	Used to supplement above funds
	£820,589.59	£785,397.26		£35,192.33*	

All figures are correct @ 31.03.26 and have been fully reconciled with our accounting system.

*Residual monies to be rolled-forward to support the VCSE sector in Salford in 2026/27.

4) Summary of Awarded Grants by Fund 2025/26

a) Impact Fund – Health Inequalities (Wider Determinants)

Eleven large grants totalling £309,656.71 were awarded to support 12-month projects aimed at tackling health inequalities by addressing the wider determinants of health.

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
IF25 104	Salford Lads and Girls Club	Connected Communities: Youth and Community Wellbeing	£30,000.00
IF25 105	Social adVentures	Practical Skills for Wellbeing in a Digital and Climate-Changing World	£30,000.00
IF25 109	Salford Foundation	Positive Pathways	£30,000.00
IF25 112	African Rainbow Family	Health and Racial Equality support programme	£30,000.00
IF25 115	Rio Ferdinand Foundation	Clean Kicks	£25,422.00
IF25 117	The Broughton Trust	Rise and Thrive	£28,960.00
IF25 118	Visit from the Stork	Stork Boost	£27,272.50
IF25 120	Sporting Memories Foundation	Sporting Memories Salford	£19,008.00
IF25 122	Europia	Salford Central and Eastern European Health Navigators	£30,000.00
IF25 123	Inspiring Communities Together	Green Champions: Exploring Our Environment, Protecting Our Health	£29,150.00
IF25 126	Beyond Empower CIC	Opening Access for Salford's Ethnically Diverse Disabled Communities	£29,844.21
TOTAL:			£309,656.71

b) Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 1

Twenty-four grants totalling £71,996.00 were awarded in Round 1 to support community-focused projects addressing one or more of the priorities in the Locality Plan (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities).

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
HWBS25 104	Ngamaba Community Path	Move Together Salford: Active Lives for All	£1,500.00
HWBS25 105	0161 Community Gym	Strong Start: Boxing & Mentoring for Young People's Wellbeing	£1,450.00
HWBM25 107	Community Support Centre	Fit for Live	£4,000.00
HWBS25 111	Wellbeing UK	Mums Get Fit	£1,500.00
HWBM25 118	Byachad Youth Project	BYachad: Mental Health Mentoring Programme	£4,680.00
HWBM25 119	Salford Families in need Meals Project (SFinMP)	Salford Families in Need Project (SFinMP)	£2,540.00
HWBS25 120	Langworthy Men's Group	Langworthy Men's Group	£1,500.00
HWBS25 122	Cadishead Community Association	Snack and Chat	£1,498.00
HWBM25 125	DIY Theatre	I Need a Friend	£4,930.00
HWBS25 126	Salford Neighbourhood Watch Team	Neighborhood watch coffee morning	£1,500.00
HWBM25 127	Patricroft Community Group CIC	The Castle Community Centre Clubs	£3,750.00
HWBM25 129	Feelgood Communities CIC	Laughter Connection	£1,290.00
HWBM25 130	Take Action Together CIC	UNPACK – Exploring the Stories We Hold On To	£4,960.00
HWBS25 131	Jak's World Charity	Hopeful Horizons Winter	£1,500.00
HWBS25 132	Community Wellbeing	Safe Spaces, Strong Minds	£1,480.00
HWBM25 135	Youth Start	Youth Start Well-being Club	£5,000.00
HWBS25 136	HerStory	Mindful Summer	£1,500.00
HWBM25 138	Community Little Hulton	Youth Unity	£5,000.00
HWBM25 139	Uncurbed Collective	Amplify	£5,000.00
HWBM25 141	SWOTS Therapy CIC	Free Occupational Therapy Advice Line	£4,916.00
HWBM25 142	The Thriving Zone	Thriving Through Drama	£5,000.00
HWBS25 143	Selam Amharic & Tigiriga Homework Club	Women's cooking sessions	£1,002.00
HWBS25 146	Incredible Edible Salford	Volunteer support/ Garden workshops	£1,500.00
HWBM25 148	Together Family Centre CIC	Paths to Wellbeing	£5,000.00
	TOTAL:		£71,996.00

c) Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 2

Eighteen grants totalling £51,952.28 were awarded in Round 2 to support community-focused projects addressing one or more of the priorities in the Locality Plan (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities).

Additional financial support was provided in this round by Eric Wright Charitable Trust.

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
HWBM25 202	Mandem Meetup CIO	Eccles Talking Circle	£4,884.00
HWBM25 203	Keren	Art It Forward	£3,850.00
HWBM25 204	Chabad Community Care - Aliya Youth Project	Start Strong	£4,780.00
HWBM25 205	The Centre for Specialist Educational Assistance Ltd. (known as Binoh of Manchester)	Moving Together	£3,690.00
HWBM25 207	Recreate-U	Recreate-U's 'Nature & Natter'	£4,986.00
HWBM25 208	Sporting Memories Foundation	Sporting Memories Swinton	£5,000.00
HWBM25 210	Talk About It Mate CIC	Art for Wellbeing – Continuing the Journey	£4,950.00
HWBM25 212	The Reporters' Academy	Media Gateway	£5,000.00
HWBM25 215	The Wellness Project C.I.C	Thriving Together in Salford	£2,755.00
HWBS25 216	Troops Naafi Veteran's Breakfast Club	Visits 2026	£1,200.00
HWBS25 217	City Of Salford Schools FA	Volunteers Expenses to allow all teams to play fixtures in the Northwest and Yorkshire	£1,150.00
HWBS25 218	Body Mind Educate CIC	Grow Your Own Way	£1,461.28
HWBS25 219	Speak and Belong Community Interest Company	"Speak, Belong & Be Well"	£1,500.00
HWBS25 221	Friends Of Parr Fold Park	Friends of Parr Fold Park	£1,500.00
HWBS25 224	Cadishead Public Band	Brass in Schools	£1,500.00
HWBS25 225	Swinton Running Club	Swinton Running Club Runs safely	£750.00
HWBS25 227	The Mental Marathon	Mental Marathon Holistic Therapies project	£1,496.00
HWBS25 228	Young Life Vision CIC	Connect & Grow: Youth Wellbeing Sessions in Salford	£1,500.00
TOTAL:			£51,952.28

d) Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 3

A total of £50,000.00 has been awarded to support community-focused projects addressing one or more of the priorities in the Locality Plan (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities).

Additional financial support was provided in this round by Eric Wright Charitable Trust.

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
HWBM25 302	Lower Kersal Young People and Community Group	Growing Well in Lower Kersal	£4,997.00
HWBM25 307	Sparks of Success Ltd	Harmony and Health	£5,000.00
HWBM25 308	Menicho Vesimcho	Meet and Eat	£5,000.00
HWBM25 309	Visible Outcomes 4u	Your Health Matters	£5,000.00
HWBM25 310	Oasis Community Hub: MediaCityUK	Food & Culture in Salford	£5,000.00
HWBM25 311	BC COMMUNITY LTD	The Happy Haven	£4,984.00
HWBM25 313	The Tatton	Mindfulness, Strength and Flexibility	£4,212.20
HWBS25 318	Beesley Kurlers	Beesley Kurlers	£1,468.02
HWBS25 321	Bridgewater Residents Association	Gardening Well-Being for All	£1,500.00
HWBS25 326	Busy Bees Sewing Group	First Aid Training	£960.00
HWBS25 327	Ordsall Community Arts Centre (OCAC)	Wellbeing Wood Crafts	£1,430.50
	TOTAL:		£39,551.72

e) Healthy Schools Partnership Fund

This fund brings together partnerships of primary schools and VCSE organisations to deliver health and wellbeing projects for children in Salford. The school benefits from the skills, capacity and new ideas brought by community groups, charities and social enterprises to undertake a range of sports, arts, horticulture and outdoor learning projects. These projects were awarded in July 2025 to fund activity in the 2025/26 academic year.

Ref No	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
HSP25 102	Bluebells Community Club	Spotlight Fusion2	£4,590.00
HSP25 103	Mind in Salford	Youth Connect 5 in Transit and Wellbeing	£10,000.00
HSP25 104	Take Action together	RE:Discover – A Creative Journey into Confidence & Self-Worth	£9,960.00
HSP25 105	Humbug Community CIC	Creative Connections	£4,965.00
HSP25 107	Number One	Creative Wellbeing Workshops	£9,152.00
HSP25 110	CommUNITY Little Hulton	Forest School for Schools!	£10,000.00
HSP25 111	Show Racism the Red card	Leaders of Now: Anti-Racism Captains	£3,672.00
HSP25 113	Langworthy Cornerstone Association	Growing Together	£4,584.60
HSP25 114	Wellness Project	Building Wellbeing for life	£5,000.00
HSP25 115	Lifecentre	Moving On Well	£6,076.00
HSP25 118	Patricroft Community Group CIC	Exploring the seasons of our Natural World	£9,170.00
HSP25 121	Talk Listen Change	Healthy Child, Healthy Parent, Healthy School Relationships 2025	£10,000.00
HSP25 122	The RHS	Gardens Are Good for You Workshops	£1,900.00
HSP25 123	Incredible Education	Forest School for the Future	£9,592.00
		Total:	£98,661.60

f) Wellbeing Matters Community Asset Fund

The Community Asset Fund supports the increased capacity of VCSE groups and organisations to provide social prescribing destinations for the Wellbeing Matters programme. All successful applicants commit to working closely with Salford CVS Development Workers and the Community Connectors based within Salford's anchor organisations. In addition to increased capacity, the funded projects also provide regular reporting on the uptake of places and the progress that individuals are making through participation in their activities.

The following grants were awarded through an open grants round.

Ref No	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
WMCA25 101	Recreate-U	Recreate-U's 'Nature & Natter'	£4,991.00
WMCA25 102	Social adVentures Ltd	121 Weight Loss and Nutrition Support	£9,200.00
WMCA25 103	Salford Being There	Enhanced Befriending Referral and Matching Service	£10,000.00
WMCA25 105	Talk About It Mate CIC	Men's Group: Langworthy, Walkden and Eccles	£9,992.00
WMCA25 111	Recreate-U	Recreate-U's 'Nature & Natter'	£9,477.00
WMCA25 112	START inspiring minds	Drumming Up Co. - Eccles Chapter	£9,982.00
WMCA25 116	Langworthy Cornerstone Association	Langworthy Cornerstone Association - Befriending Champions Programme	£5,324.50
WMCA25 122	Speak and Belong CIC	ESOL Assessment and Information Workshop for Prospective Learners	£5,920.00
WMCA25 123	Stepping Stones Creative	Supporting diagnosed and undiagnosed autistic female individuals	£2,369.57
WMCA25 131	Foundation 92	Come As You Are!	£4,750.00
WMCA25 132	Salford Community Upskilling CIC	Physical activities and movement with a social focus	£10,000.00
WMCA25 134	Incredible Education CIC	Winter Wonderland	£7,993.93
WMCA25 136	Transcend in the community	Transcend on site sessions	£10,000.00
		Total:	£100,000.00

g) Food Response Fund – Investments

This fund was first established by Salford CVS and Salford Foodshare Network (SFN) in 2020 as a response to the spike in demand on food banks and clubs. Since then, a proportion of Salford Council's Household Support Fund (HSF) allocation has been channelled via Salford CVS to food banks and clubs to help meet the rise in demand.

The HSF monies have enabled Salford CVS to allocate Food Response Fund monies to wider VCSE food response activities where funding support is limited. These investments were to ensure continuity of provision for food clubs/banks/pantries/ organisations already delivering vital food support for some of the city's most vulnerable residents over the winter months.

Ref No	Organisation	Award
FRF25 01	L'Chaim Foodbank	£5,000.00
FRF25 02	Salford Foodbank	£5,000.00
FRF25 03	Wood Street Mission	£5,000.00
FRF25 04	Feed My City	£5,000.00
FRF25 05	Yemeni Community Association	£5,000.00
FRF25 06	Hershel Weiss Children and Family Centre (Aguda NW)	£5,000.00
FRF25 07	Salford Loaves and Fishes	£5,000.00
FRF25 08	Mustard Tree	£5,000.00
FRF25 09	Community Little Hulton	£5,000.00
FRF25 010	Emmaus (Lucie's Pantry)	£5,000.00
FRF25 011	Salford Women's Aid	£5,000.00
FRF25 201	Yemeni Community Association	£5,000.00
FRF25 202	Hershel Weiss Children and Family Centre (Aguda NW)	£5,000.00
	Total:	£65,000.00

h) Responsiveness Fund

This fund is reserved for meeting critical need within the VCSE sector that might arise during the year. During 2025/26 the Responsiveness Fund enabled Salford CVS to launch and distribute funding through two responsive funding pots: the Community Cohesion Fund and the Iranian Investments Fund.

Salford CVS awarded eleven investments totalling £44,305.96 through the Community Cohesion Fund for activities aimed at strengthening community cohesion in the wake of the synagogue attack in Crumpsall in October 2025. All funded projects will include at least one community event in June 2026, as part of The Great Get Together campaign.

Salford CVS awarded three investments totalling £15k through the Iranian Response Fund to organisations working with the Iranian community in Salford. Grants were to support community wellbeing and resilience, in response to recent events in the Middle East.

The flexibility of this fund enables a swift response to address emerging challenges, helping mitigate their negative health and wellbeing impact on communities.

Ref No	Organisation	Award
CCF25 104	Warm Hut	The Front Project (Food for cohesion project)
CCF25 106	The Fed	The Fed's Community Services Team
CCF25 108	Lingua GM	Strengthening communities/strengthening Minds
CCF25 111	Europia	Shared Tables: Food, Stories & Neighbourhood Safety
CCF25 105	Hershel Weiss	Meet, Eat, Chat, Create
CCF25 107	Binoh	Your Neighbours'
CCF25 112	Jak's World	TOGETHER WE LIVE
CCF25 113	Salford Involved	The Great Big Get Together
CCF25 114	Together Family Centre	Bridges of Community- Bringing Neighbours Together in Irlam
CCF25 101 (HCA25 103)	Salford Youth Service / Deans Youth Centre	Deans Youth Centre – Year 6 Hate Crime Project
CCF25 102 (HCA25 113)	Salford Youth Service / The Beacon Centre	"Fresh Cuts, Safe Communities" – Free Haircuts & Hate Crime Awareness Outreach
IRF25 101	Yaran Northwest CIC	Supporting community health and wellbeing in the wake of the events in the Middle East
IRF25 102	Community Doosti	Supporting community health and wellbeing in the wake of the events in the Middle East

IRF25 103	Lingua GM	Supporting community health and wellbeing in the wake of the events in the Middle East
RES25 101	Supportive Spaces	Supportive Spaces Set-up
	Total:	£62,078.95

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